

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	)(	
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<b>v.</b>	)(	<b>No.: 23-3097</b>
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<b>ELMER STEWART RHODES</b>	)(	
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**JOINT MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE:

COMES NOW JAMES LEE BRIGHT and PHILLIP A. LINDER, attorney of record for Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause and moves the Court to be allowed to withdraw as the Defendant's attorney of record. On May 25, 2023, ELMER STEWART RHODES was sentenced to Two-Hundred Sixteen (216) months in the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP).

Good cause exists for withdrawal as counsel in that Defendant wishes for Movants to withdraw so that his chosen appellate counsel, Elizabeth Franklin-Best, 3710 Landmark Dr #113, Columbia, SC 29204, may be appointed to the case. Movants request the Court grant this motion so that Defendant may exercise his Sixth Amendment Right to counsel. Elizabeth Franklin-Best was contacted by Defendant's attorneys, and Ms. Franklin-Best also confirmed the above information.

This withdrawal is not sought for delay, but that Defendant might be represented by counsel of his choice.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Movants pray the Court grant this Joint Motion to Withdraw as Attorney of Record for the Defendant in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

/s/ Phillip A. Linder

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on the 21st day of July, 2023,  
the foregoing Joint Motion to Withdraw as Attorney of Record was delivered to United States  
Attorney's Office via electronic filing.

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